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THE ABOVE PICTURE GIVES ONE A GOOD VIEW OF UNION STATION AND SURROUNDINGS. BALTIMORE, MD.

THE PERSEIDS PRODUCE SHOOTING STARS

The earth in its orbit has just made its annual passage through the Perseids, through that dense swarm of star fragments, iron and stone debris of a disintegrated body, which cross its path through space and with which it collides once a year.

Known popularly as the August "Shooting Stars", the Perseids are so named as emanating from the Constellation Persens, which is visible midway between the horizon and the zenith, towards midnight by Greenwich time. We have just emerged from them. The earth strikes the swarm on or about July 8th, traverses the densest part on or about August 10th and reaches the other side on August 22nd. Billions of the fragments are swept up in the passage ranging from a pin head to a marble in size.

Friction with our atmosphere makes them burn like a rocket and reduces them to a powder which finally settles down on the earth's surface as dust. All attempts to photograph the swarm before reaching our atmosphere have failed.

Possibly it is some of the above-mentioned iron dust in our plating solutions which gives us trouble every year.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS.

By John Whittaker

Sunday, September 17th, the Whiting & Davis team played an exhibition game with Howard & Bullough of Pawtucket, R. I. The game was played for the purpose of trying out new players on both teams.

We were fortunate in having seventeen players on hand for the try-out. Contracts were signed with nine of them. These together with some of last year's team formed the new Whiting & Davis Team sent against Howard & Bullough, Saturday, September 23rd, when we expected a trouncing, as the opposing team had several professionals of last season's British Canadian Team lined up against us, also the pick of the Broadway Athletics and the old H. & B. Wanderers.

Both teams battled the first half of the game 45 minutes without scoring a goal, much to our surprise. After the five minutes rest period we were at it again with the result that neither scored a goal in the second half. Nevertheless it placed Whiting & Davis Club one point to the good in the N. E. F. B. A. standing.

We have a fine team in the making, and should give them all the support possible, not only by attending the

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Bag Topics

Automatic Meshbag Co.

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Sunset Mesh Production

BY HARRY B. ROWAN

One of the important happenings at the Factory in the month just passed has been the agreement arrived at between the Whiting & Davis Co. and the Automatic Meshbag Co. of Providence, R. I.

The following will be of interest to employees and regular readers of this column:

On September 20th, the Whiting & Davis Company took over the entire business of The Automatic Meshbag Company of Providence, consisting of all making tools and stock of said company. This transfer is the last one of six firms which we considered were infringing on our patents. Not one of the six firms desired to go to court and contest our patents. We feel every confidence in our patents and the sound future of our Mesh Bag business. The best of feeling prevails among the interested parties as each one realized that our patents were infringed upon.

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Production on the Sunset Mesh is coming up with the aid of new attachments on the Mesh Machines, this interests our customers as we know they are anxious to receive shipments on their orders for these beautiful bags.

We have at present 60 machines making the soldered and unsoldered varieties, with a well organized and equipped Tool Room giving co-operation.

The Multiple machine working is an interesting sight with its six spools of wire changing automatically as the stripe pattern in the mesh requires.

The regular mesh machines carry but two spools of wire for the making of ordinary mesh.

A photograph of the new multiple machine will be shown in an early issue of the Wadco.

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LOYALTY IS THE THING

When a man quits work, say oiling an engine or scrubbing the deck and leans over the side calling for outsiders explaining what a bum boat he is aboard, how bad the food is and what a fool there is for a captain, he gradually loosens his hold until he falls into the yeasty deep. There is no one to blame but himself, yet probably you will have hard work to make him understand this little point.

When a man is told to do a certain thing, and there leaps to his lips or even to his heart, the formula, "I wasn't hired to do that", he is standing upon a greased plank that inclines toward the sea. When the plank is tilted to a proper angle, he goes to Davy Jones' locker, and nobody tilts the fatal plank but the man himself. And the way the plank is tilted is this: The man takes more interest in the passing craft and what is going on on land, than in doing his work on board ship. So I repeat: No man employed by a successful concern was ever discharged. Those who fall overboard get on the greased plank; you had better get off from it, and quickly too.—Elbert Hubbard.

Life is not so short but there is always time for courtesy.—Emerson.

Victor seems to be all nerved up of late. Is it in contemplation now that his friend Bob has gone and done it?

Mr. Fred Cook visited the factory last week and enjoyed a round of golf with Sturgis Rice on the Franklin Club grounds.

The back of trouble always looks much smaller than its face.

Get behind a worry as soon as possible. Never keep it before you.



CANADIAN BRANCH NEWS

"Sam" and his three brothers went out the other Sunday and between them shot a good sized deer, the only trouble being that it only had two hind quarters which caused a small family row for a couple of days. "Sam" says the next deer they get will have to be a six-legged one to allow for the four hind quarters and then he will have the fore-quarters to give away."

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games and rooting for our side, but by taking a real live interest in this increasingly interesting and red blooded game.

Captain Ernest Savage was in the game every minnte along with his players who showed by their playing they knew the game well.

Your attendance is solicited at all games. The players will do their best to make it interesting.

Congratulations, Bill Sweet, on that husky boy which arrived last Friday. We sure are pleased to hear it. Bill will have little time to study arrow-heads from now on. His hobby.

FACTS

During the first year of life, the human heart beats at 115 to 130 times a minute; in a normal adult, the beat is 72 times in a minute.

Holding your breath is to a certain extent a test of your health. Normally, adults should be able to do this for from forty to fifty seconds.

Walking-sticks are made from the backbone of sharks stiffened with a steel rod, in Venezuela.

Some weeds taint the milk of cows which eat them, while others are poisonous to all kinds of stock.

THE MAN WHO WAS TOO BUSY
To spend any time with his family.

To play with his children, or even get acquainted with them.

To kiss his wife before leaving home in the morning or to take her to the theatre or cinema in the evening.

To call on his friend or to stop to talk to them when he met them in the street.

To take time for his meals, for fun and laughter with his wife and children, to read good books or magazines or anything that would give him new ideas and a broader outlook.

To go to church on Sunday with his wife and family, or to interest himself in any charitable work.

To play golf or tennis, or indulge in any other form of recreation or pleasure.

To take occasional trips into the country to see the beauties of nature, to refresh his soul and renew his strength under the open skies.

To take exercise, to take care of his health, to keep fit for his work, to mingle in society, to do anything that would help the larger life of the world or develop the larger man in himself.

To write to his mother, or to visit her or any of his other relatives; to do any kind or generous or gracious thing for anyone in the world, even for his own wife or children.

This man, who all his life had been too busy for anything but the money-grabbing game, found no time to enjoy the wealth for which he had sacrificed everything else; but he did find time finally to die. And then it was found that—

Everybody was too busy to go to his funeral!

Brownie doesn't know why some of the boys with cars did not ask her to go to the Brockton Fair. She says that she would have bought the gas and oil.

Al Deblois is very much pleased to think that he bought a Sedan instead of a touring car these cold nights. A kind lady has made some nice curtains for the car.

Gold Departments A and B are becoming increasingly busy with Fall orders. The gold stripe effects in sterling are taking very well.

Penny-in-the-slot machines are not a modern invention. They date back to 100 B. C. when contrivances placed in the temples supplied water in return for coins.

BUSINESS

Bradstreets outline trade conditions and outlook as follows:

Trade and industrial conditions very generally show further improvement. Expansion in Fall buying steady to higher commodity prices. A still faster pace in industry, employment about the most widely diffusion of the year. Collections better, and late northern crops ripening with trifling frost damage are among the outstanding features of the week.

Outstanding special feature in a week which has seen some of the lateness of the season made up for by more confident buying, are the reported heaviest purchases of steel rails ever witnessed in a week: a very general increase in buying at primary markets of all the leading textiles with important advance witnessed in several kinds of cotton goods, raw silk and raw wool; the disappearance of the idle car from the railway records, with the largest total of loadings witnessed for 11 months past, and an increased coal output this more especially visible in the anthracite branch.

ABOUT OURSELVES

John Whittaker attended the soccer football game in Pawtucket between the J. and P. Coats and a ladies' team from England, and John says he can't tell whether it was a good game or a poor game. All he can say is he enjoyed every minute the ladies were on the field.

Carl Darling's new house which he is building in Wrentham, is about ready for occupancy.

Charlie Clappitt carried a spare tire on the Flivver for about two months and when ready to use it discovered she wouldn't blow up. There was only a half tube in it.

Mr. Eli Birde has moved his tools into the mesh room to work on Sunset machines.

Billy Mahoney is the Sheik. He comes from Ware, Mass. Leon Mayshaw says he will vouch for him.

Erwin Sylvia, Wadco Cartoonist, is taking a cartoonist correspondence course in the Landon School, Cleveland.

The tool-room is working up to its capacity at present on new work.

Minna Simonsen enjoys the movies immensely of late. We wonder who her actor-idol is?



LAURA MILLER RICE
DAUGHTER OF
MR. AND MRS. WALTER RICE
SNAPSHOTS WANTED

There is evidently a great deal of shyness on the part of many when asked for snapshots of themselves to put in the Wadco. Why should this be? It is a give and take proposition for all to enjoy and appreciate. There isn't one reader who does not look for the pictures so let's have a lot of them, even if we have to run a beauty contest and offer prizes to get them in. Now, listen, if you have some snaps of the little folks at home, the editor will be pleased to get them. Try the experience of showing the little ones their pictures in the paper and see how happy you will make them.

Elsie says the Dry Navy Sailors are O. K. and they still sign "yours very truly" at the end of all letters.

Jennie Pitre of the Repair Department was the recipient of a miscellaneous shower which was staged Thursday, September 28th. The marriage takes place in about three weeks.

A party of girls from the Spiral Department attended the Brockton Fair.

Bobby Austin and Bride visited New York City and Niagara Falls on their wedding trip. No doubt they took some snap shots that it will be hard for the Editor to get, but he will do his best.

Otto Newhouse started for Watch Hill last Sunday with his family but after the fifth blowout and ruining his silk shirt he decided to return without making his destination.

Harold Lloyd has made quite a hit with the front row girls in the One Department.

May Bell visited Boston recently at the home of a very dear friend.

FATHER OF SHIPPING

Romantic Stories of Lloyd's

From a London coffee-house keeper, Lloyd's, the headquarters of the world's shipping insurance, derives its name.

Towards the end of the seventeenth century those interested in shipping matters were accustomed to meet at a small coffee-house in Tower Street. This was kept by a man named Edward Lloyd, who subsequently removed to the corner of Abchurch Lane and Lombard Street.

In 1696 Lloyd started a newspaper, which gave a list of ships' arrivals and sailings. The newspaper, which he called "Lloyd's List", succeeded until its founder published an article questioning a decision in the House of Lords.

Edward Lloyd was censured and his paper was suppressed. It was not until thirty years later that he was allowed to re-establish it. Since then "Lloyds' List" has appeared regularly.

At Every Port

The frequenters of Lloyd's coffee-house were not permitted to enjoy their monopoly of marine insurance for long, and in 1720 Parliament allowed two other companies to be established in London.

About one hundred years later there was a Parliamentary inquiry into the monopoly enjoyed by Lloyd's and these two companies. The House of Commons decided that Lloyd's had rendered such great service to the country by supplying the government with information regarding maritime matters that it should retain its privileges.

Ten years later, however, an Act was passed by which marine insurance was thrown open, and since that date many other companies have been established.

All candidates for membership at Lloyd's have to deposit such security for their liabilities as may be required. This security at the present time amounts to over £4,000,000.

There is a Lloyd's agent at every port in the world, who transmits news of all ships that pass. At Lloyd's a "Captains' Register" is maintained which gives the record of every British master mariner, and there is also an Inquiry Office.

How about that Wooley vest, Horace?

UNSOLDERED MESH DEPT.

Billy Brenman tried to remove a few trees last week with his flivver but the trees were stronger than Billy's flivver so the result was a broken axle. Now, Anna LaPlante thinks she won't ride in the front seat any more. "Holy Smoke!" said Anna.

"Want a ride home, Mrs. Kriegl?" "Sure." "Well, bring your chum along, there's room for more."

A funny incident happened the other night. A party was walking down the road when they met a fellow as they thought in a sailor's uniform. Thinking it was Thomas McGovern, they started to speak, and to their surprise it was Annie McCluskey on her way to a shower on a girl friend, and Annie was to take the part of a sailor boy. Why, Annie!

Many of those who bring their dinners are anxious to know when the new recreation room for the Girls will be ready. Please hurry, Mr. Contractor.

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Mrs. Hall is instructing several new employees in spiraling.

A sheik has made his appearance in the spiral and other departments.

Erleen Parker and an Overland are in line to become fast friends.

Eva Contois thinks fourteen balls of yarn entirely too much to make a sweater for her dear little self. Why the surprise, Eva?

A big crowd of girl bowlers from the factory went down to the alley to limber up for the coming season. Ethel Anderson and Edith Cook were exceptionally good at running up high scores.

The office Girls have organized a Sewing Club to meet Wednesday nights for the purpose of filling Hope Chests. They will also run a series of dances this Fall.

Marion Bialas is much agitated over the mystery of the excavation opposite the factory. One story runs that it is to be used as a subway entrance on rainy days.

Marion Bialas and George Pickering won the gold prizes at the Grange "Rube Ball."

Dick says that a man's prerogatives in a matter should always be taken into consideration when an argument arises. Primarily this is so, we should say.

Gag says if you want a good time, have the Editor drive you around Boston in his Henry. Whoa!



JUST MARRIED

Harold F. Beaumont and Harriet Ann Sirois, both of the Mesh Department, were joined in wedlock October 2nd, and started on their honeymoon to New York immediately afterwards. The groom played shortstop and left field on the K. of C. team in the Twilight League before taking employment with the Whiting & Davis Co. He will make a good man for our team next year. The Bride is employed as a joiner on mesh and is very strong for all out-door sports. A very nice wedding present was presented the newly wedded pair by the employees of their department who wish them the best of luck and much happiness. On their return they will make their home with the bride's folks on Fisher street.

NOTICE

The Selectmen of Plainville have received a request for a traffic officer to be stationed half way to North Attleboro line. Due to the traffic congestion at noon times it is extremely dangerous for persons Boston bound. If the boys from the shop will keep their cars in line it will obviate the necessity of a traffic officer, and be appreciated.

By Gene.

The Office Force attended Bob's wedding en masse, the mass being Marion Bialas, Ruby Burton, John Meegan, Louise McKeon, Walter McCann, Margaret McGerry, Isabel Feid and me. Walter Mc and me were ushers. Had a nice time, and two dishes of ice cream. This is a secret, as they think I only had one. The broad jump as executed by Mr. and Mrs. Austin went off as smooth as velvet.

SOLDERED MESH DEPT.

Tina Gauvin, who says she has had more than her share of news in the Wadeo, attended a dance in Woonsocket the other night. We'll say it was a good time.

Will someone give Isabel Heon a waste basket or train her arm. This is a request.

Rhea is looking for a nice looking chap who wants a nice looking girl.

The girls say Gagnon bought a bag of salt the other day. Be careful, Gag, they are watching you. Probably they thought it raisins.

To hear the latest music, ask Celina and Lillian to sing. Some songbirds, we'll say.

Ida Meyers has been confined to her home with sickness.

The Editor fell among thieves (but they were nice thieves) while on his rounds. Some of the young ladies took his pencils, thinking to keep their names from being mentioned.

Mildred sure is there at wrestling since marriage. She and Ellen Peck had a strangle hold and a pair of glasses fell to the floor. Who's were they?

Celina Morrison and Lillian St. John and Rhea attended a performance of Sally in Boston last Saturday. Martha and a certain party gave them a fast ride home.

Rhea LaRock is attending Bryant & Stratton night school.

Well, here we have it again in another department. The girls want to know who that young chap is with the winning ways. We have referred to him as the Sheik until acquaintance ripens.

Clara Guild thinks it impossible to take a lady-like attitude when drinking water from a glass without having one's nose inside.

There is one young lady in the Soldered Mesh who thinks Billie Ireland is nice and some more. And besides he is an Odd Fellow.

Leon says there are 29 girls in the different departments who just rave over him. The girls say tain't so, although they will admit confidentially he makes a dent.

Trouble raises a mighty war-cry as it comes on, but its echo is generally weak.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweet wish to express their appreciation and thanks for the congratulations and beautiful bouquet of carnations tendered them by employees of the Soldered and Unsoldered Depts.